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In re application of :  
Takao Watanbe : **DECISION ON PETITION**  
Application No. 10/540,944 : **TO MAKE SPECIAL**  
Filed: June 29, 2005 : **(ACCELERATED EXAMINATION)**  
For: THIN DESIGN DISPLAY APPARATUS :  
AND DISPLAY UNIT DETACHMENT :  
METHOD :

This is in response to the petition filed on January 6, 2006 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII. The delay in treating this petition is regretted.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references.

The petition filed January 6, 2006 fails to adequately meet requirements (C) and (D) above. Petitioner indicates that a search was performed in a counterpart international or foreign application. However, this does not satisfy requirement (C) above. Furthermore, it is indicated that the "claims in this U.S. application are of the same or similar scope as the claims in the International application." MPEP 708.02 requires that applicant submit a statement that a preexamination search of the claimed invention was made, listing the field of search by class and subclass, publication, Chemical Abstracts, foreign patents, etc. Furthermore, it is indicated that the search was carried out in "International Classes G09F 9/00 and HO4N 5/64." This is not sufficient. At a minimum, a search of the U.S. classification system should be performed.

For the above stated reason, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

**SUMMARY:** Petition to Make Special **DISMISSED**.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Teri Luu at (571) 272-7045.

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